A Central Health team was sent to the affected areas of Gorakhpur and adjoining districts to investigate the suspected outbreak of coxsachie virus. The team interacted with the district health authorities and collected a total of 206 blood samples, 44 CSF samples, 21 throat swabs, 10 rectal swabs and 8 stool samples from cases and contacts of death cases of suspected coxsackie virus. Of the paired sera samples tested so far for coxsachie B1-B6 virus antibodies by neutralization test, no evidence of coxsachie B virus has been found.

Pakistani Intruders posing as Doctors

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SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many illegal immigrants from Pakistan, overstaying on their short visas, have been practicing as doctors in Indore, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the State unit of Medical Council of India (MCI) had raided them in the recent past on the charge of practicing as quacks; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by MCI on such immigrant quacks?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) According to Ministry of Home Affairs, they have no information in regard to overstay of illegal immigrants from Pakistan practicing medicine in Madhya Pradesh. However, Pakistan nationals staying on long Term Visa (LTV) under the eligible categories with the intention of settling permanently and obtaining Indian citizenship are permitted to engage in employment of purely private nature i.e. excluding Government/Semi Government, local bodies, co-operative jobs etc. Temporary permission is granted to practice medicine in India for charitable work and not for personal gains to such Pak nationals staying in India on LTV whose cases are recommended by Medical Council of India after they are cleared from security angle.

The Medical Council of India has no state unit in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Hence, the question of conducting raid by them does not arise.